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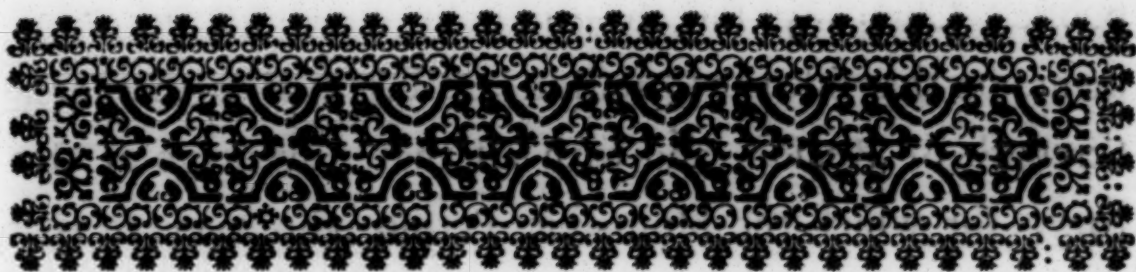
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Farther Considerations upon the Reports relating to the P E E R A G E.




 HE PLEBEIAN expected before now to have heard again from the *Old Whig*, especially as to his making good the last Particular taken notice of in the Paper, *Numb. II.* which relates to the Part he was pleas'd to affirm his Majesty had already taken in this Affair; and for which there does not seem to be any Foundation. However, as *Age is apt to be slow*, the PLEBEIAN is willing to wait some time longer to be satisfied in that point. In the mean while, to shew with how much Candor he proceeds in this Dispute, he will not decline publishing

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lishing in this Paper a Speech made in a kind of a Private-publick Company for the Bill ; in which all the Arguments on that side the Question are urg'd with that great Strength of Reason, and with all that Advantage of Oratory, for which the Hon---ble Person who made it is so deservedly admired.

The Form in which it was sent to the PLEBEIAN is as follows.



*A SPEECH in the Long Room
at the Comp---ler's.*

Optat Ephippia BOS — Hor. Epist. 14.

“ Mr. Bla---n,

“ **T**H O the worthy Gentleman that spoke last has
“ represented the B—l that occasions this Meeting

“ as destructive of all that ought to be dear to every

“ one

“ one that values his Country, yet I am not asham’d to
 “ appear for it *with all the little Zeal I am Master of.* Ac-
 “ cording to the *way that I have the Honour of thinking of this*
 “ *Matter,* this seems to me to be the best B—I that ever
 “ was offered us; and therefore *I shall be for it to the last*
 “ *Drop of my Breath.* I wish any Gentleman would lay his
 “ Hand upon his Heart, and answer me whether the making
 “ twelve L—— at once in a late Reign, was not the wic-
 “ kedest Thing that ever was heard of: And such a Thing
 “ I am certain may be attempted again, if we do not shew
 “ them a *new Game,* and give them *one and thirty* of our
 “ own Friends, to prevent any such Practice for the future.
 “ The worthy Gentleman was pleas’d to say, That the
 “ Noble L—— who was the Author of that Advice
 “ might in some measure be excus’d, if that Matter is
 “ compared with what is now propos’d.

“ That L—— says, he plainly shew’d that he thought
 “ what he did was a justifiable Action, because he left
 “ the Door open for himself to be call’d to account for
 “ it, in the same manner as all other Ministers had done
 “ before him; and did not endeavour to put himself out
 “ of all reach, by fixing those Persons to be his Judges,
 “ who

“ who concurr’d with him in what he did. Sir, I must
 “ tell that worthy Gentleman, That tho it has often
 “ happen’d that wicked Men have been infatuated, and
 “ slipt their Opportunity ; yet that should not prevent
 “ honest Gentlemen from providing for their own Safety
 “ upon the like Occasion. In all these Cases, that wor-
 “ thy Person added, that we ought to consider *Quo Ani-*
 “ *mo* a Man acts. I have already given my Judgment
 “ in another place as to those Words, and I shall give
 “ the same Opinion here again. The Gentleman, he
 “ thinks that this is a very bad B——l ; that is his
 “ *Quo Animo*. I think it a very good one ; that is my
 “ *Quo Animo*. As to what he said about the S——
 “ L——ds, That this would be invading their Property,
 “ and taking away their Birthright, out of a pretence
 “ of curing a publick Inconvenience ; and that in the
 “ same way of arguing, any P———t may as well
 “ take away the Fu——ds ; nothing being more inconve-
 “ nient to the Publick, than paying such great and end-
 “ less Taxes : I hope the Gentleman will allow there is
 “ a great deal of difference between what is done by
 “ Friends, and what is done by Enemies. If we do
 “ take away their Property, I hope there is nobody here
 “ that

“ that imagines that we do it out of Ill-will ; and the
 “ World must allow, that what is done is rather out of
 “ Kindness to ourselves, than out of Malice to them.
 “ Besides, I have been inform’d by a very *Honourable*
 “ *Gentleman, That three of them are Boys at School ;* and
 “ I hope nobody can imagine at this time of day, that
 “ any of those Gentlemen, for whom I own I have
 “ the greatest Esteem, would be so barbarous, *as to hurt*
 “ *young Boys, out of an Aversion to their Persons.* As for
 “ those of *Riper Tears*, there are several of them *Jaco—es*,
 “ as the same *Honourable Person* has assur’d me ; and I
 “ hope no such sort of People will meet with any En-
 “ couragement here. Gentlemen are pleas’d to dwell
 “ much upon the S—— No——y in this case, as if
 “ their Re——— intended to take their Property
 “ from them ; whereas it is very plain, they intend to
 “ make a Pr—— of them : And is not that the same
 “ thing to the whole Nation, so long as it is all amongst
 “ their *own Countrymen* ? And therefore I cannot ima-
 “ gine how any body can be so absurd, as to look upon
 “ this as a Breach of the Un—— : And I hope we shall
 “ hear no more of that matter.

“ There has been one thing often insinuated in this
 “ Debate, as if some Gentlemen were influenced to come
 “ into this Proposal by *Assurance of Peer——s*, as if they
 “ *had Warrants in their Pockets*, and I do not know what:
 “ For my part, Sir, I act according to the best of my
 “ *Understanding*, and none of those mean Considerations
 “ can have any weight with me. As for all their Titles
 “ and Honours, *I cast them all behind my back, like Chaff*
 “ *before the Wind*. For all which Reasons, I shall be
 “ heartily for the B—l.”

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